

# City of Edina

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## **Transit for Livable Communities- Bike Boulevard Grant**

## **Council asked the Edina Transportation Commission to review and comment on the feasibility of the proposed Transit for Livable Communities (TLC)– Bike Boulevard Grant**

- TLC has presented to the City Council, Transportation Commission and Bike Edina Task Force
- TLC is asking for a commitment from the City to remove the continuous left turn lane on Valley View Road in order to receive the grant funding and to work on other improvements to the corridor
- Sunset date for TLC funding is immediate

# Summary of Application

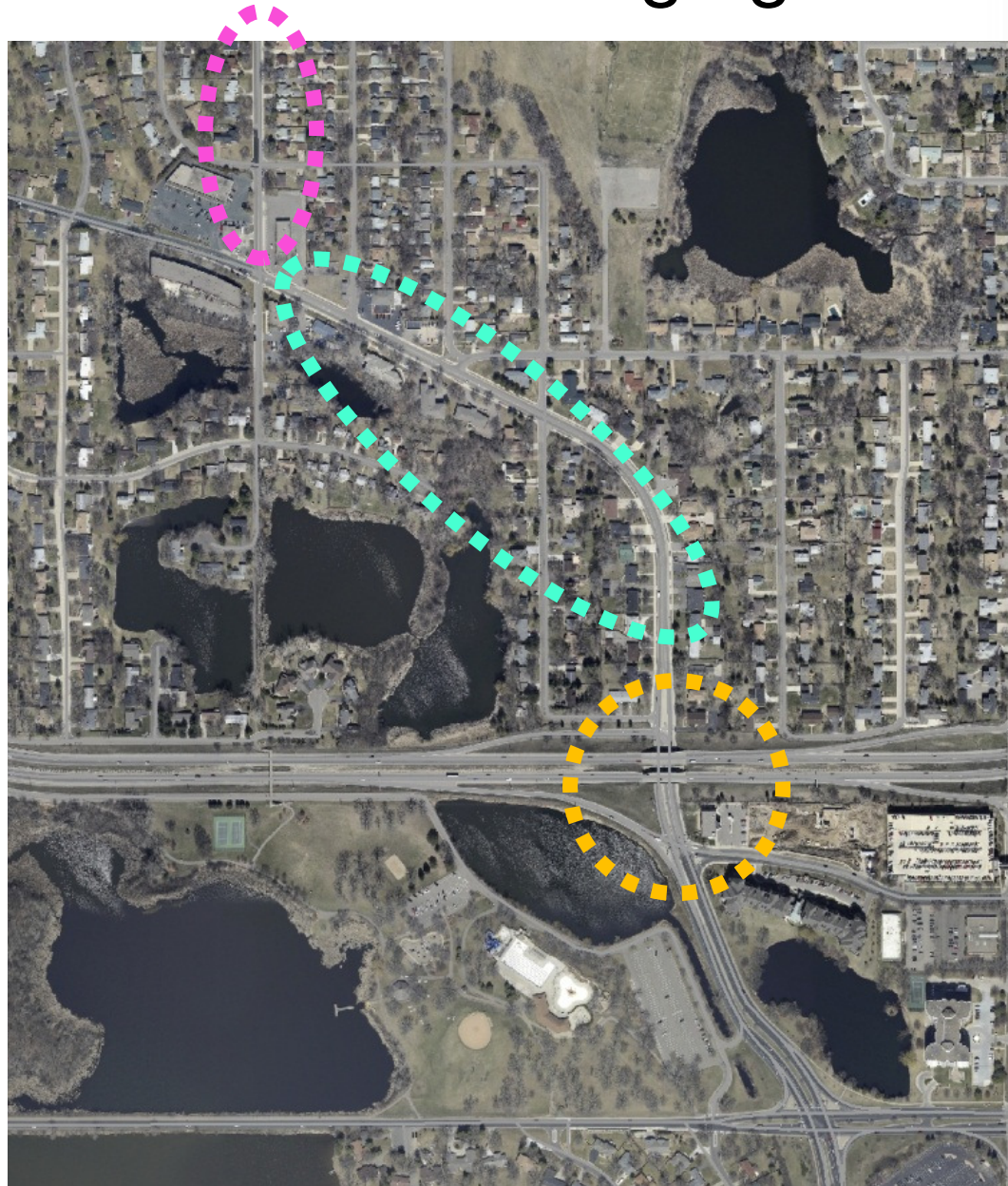
- Submitted in 2009
- 54<sup>th</sup> Street to Wooddale to Valley View to 70<sup>th</sup> Street
- Applied for \$266,000
- Application was approved by TLC
- Consists of some bike lanes and some Share the Road facilities





## Challenging Areas

- Remove parking on 54<sup>th</sup> and Wooddale (106 spaces)
- 3 to 2 lane conversion of Valley View (9000 ADT)
- Limited right of way, free right off ramp and large traffic volumes



## **Edina Transportation Commission's Position**

- Supports the efforts to implement bike facilities in Edina
- Endorses a 3 to 2 lane conversion on Valley View Road from Wooddale to Crosstown
- Understands the difficulty of the Crosstown/Valley View Interchange



Staff is open to moving forward with this project providing:

- The 3 to 2 lane conversion will require a consultant to study the vehicle and bicycle safety implications to the corridor prior to reconfiguration.
- Removal of parking along Wooddale and 54<sup>th</sup> is supported.
- Acknowledge by TCL that the \$266,000 may not be enough to fund major improvements to the Crosstown interchange.

## Recommendations

### **Transportation Commission Recommendation:**

The Edina Transportation Commission carried a motion to recommit their support of the project to secure the TLC grant and to endorse the 3 to 2 lane conversion on Valley View Road.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Bike Boulevard Grant could move forward but will require a consultant to complete an engineering study of the Valley View Road section, prior to a 3 to 2 lane conversion could take place as well as Council approval to remove parking along Wooddale Avenue and 54th Street.



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Questions?  
Comments?

